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Applicant: Akira ARAI, et al.
Group Art Unit: 1742
Examiner: John P. Sheehan

Title: MAGNETIC MATERIAL MANUFACTURING METHOD,
RIBBON-SHAPED MAGNETIC MATERIALS,
POWDERED MAGNETIC MATERIALS AND BONDED
MAGNETS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

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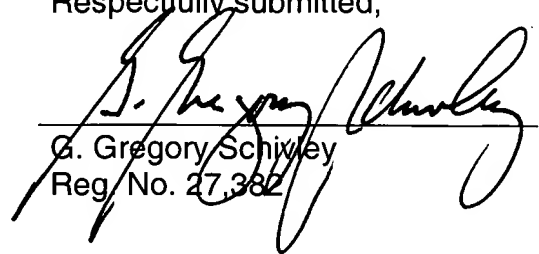
The Examiner is requested to reconsider his Restriction Requirement because both groups of claims are drawn to subject matter which are so related to each other that an undue burden would not be placed upon the Examiner by maintaining both groups of claims in a single application. See, e.g., MPEP § 803.

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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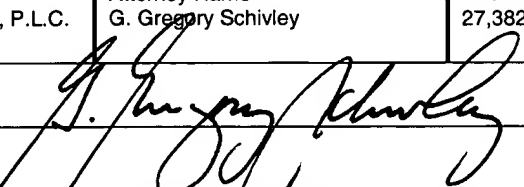
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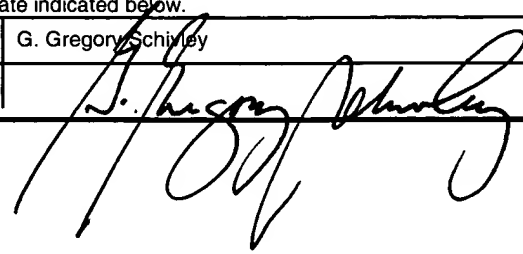
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